

In re Application of Jacqueline Jones
Application No. 10/552,356

REMARKS

The Office Action of January 8, 2009 contained the following rejection:

1. Claims 1-7 and 13-15 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph.
2. Claims 1, 4-7, and 15 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b), as anticipated by 2002/0136855 ("Daniel").
3. Claims 1-7 and 13-15 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(d), or in the alternative under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 5,959,632 ("Hashimoto").

In response to the above rejections, and in view of the enclosed amendments to the claims, Applicant has the following comments:

With respect to the claim rejections under 35 USC § 112, Applicant has amended the claims to specify that the areas of visual texture have a "textural design simulating a pile having a pile direction". Support for the amendment can be found on page 7, lines 5-29. Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claims overcome the rejection under 35 USC § 112.

With respect to the rejection under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Daniel, Applicant respectfully submits that the limitation of a "textural design simulating a pile" and the limitation of "having a pile direction" are not anticipated by Daniel. Daniel discusses in generalities patterns that are placed upon the carpet. Applicant respectfully submits that Daniel does not disclose the printing of a textural design that simulates individual piles such as in the claimed invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is not anticipated by Daniel.

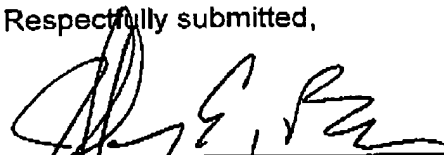
Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention, as amended, is not anticipated by, or obvious over, Hashimoto. As amended, the visual textural design simulates a pile having a pile direction. Applicant has removed the word "impression" and affirmatively stated that the design simulates a pile having a pile direction. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is not anticipated by Hashimoto. Additionally, there is no obvious reason for Hashimoto to place a pattern on a carpet, and then additionally place on that pattern a textured design simulating a pile having a pile direction on top of the pattern. Therefore, applicant respectfully submits that the invention as claimed is not obvious over Hashimoto.

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Conclusion:

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are currently in a condition for allowance and respectfully requests consideration of the claims for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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